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TODAY
Showers
High: 65, Low: 54



TOMORROW
Few Showers
High: 75, Low: 58

Board of Trustees approves budget cuts

By Ella Fowler
Editor-in-Chief

The University approved a balanced budget for the 2009/2010 fiscal year that includes a \$13.8 million reduction in the budget compared to the previous fiscal year.

The budget, which was approved last Friday, allocates \$283.6 million to the University's main campus and an additional \$14.8 million to the Firelands campus.

Of the \$13.8 million in budgetary reductions, \$11.6 million has already been cut due to the elimination of filled and unfilled employee positions.

The other \$2.2 million in reductions have yet to be cut, but according to University documents, "some planned reductions involve larger and more complex restructuring efforts and have not yet been completed."

For another year, student tuition will stay fixed.

Despite the reductions in the budget, the University is still in deficit from the 2008/2009 fiscal year by approximately \$4.5 million. To address this deficit, the University will be cutting a "small number of unfilled positions, and related benefits, operating expense reductions, and [reducing] graduate and under-

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Calming the mind

University students engage in mindfulness meditation

Luda Polyakova
Reporter

Though he may not be sitting on a cushion or chanting a mantra, senior Jason Bauer is constantly practicing mindfulness.

"I focus on exactly what I'm doing, when I'm doing it," he explained. "I don't reflect or analyze anything, but just listen and pay attention to all of my senses coming together."

Bauer is just one of many students at the University practicing mindfulness meditation.

"Being in the moment is when mindfulness comes into play. You can really feel your mind and body connect — it's a sense of fluid self," Bauer added.

Once considered an esoteric and mysterious method, the traditionally Buddhist practice of Vipassana meditation has become accessible right here on campus.

Bauer was introduced to meditation in a course offered by Marvin Belzer, associate professor in the philosophy department. Belzer has been teaching mindfulness meditation at the University for 10 years.

The growth of interest in meditation is visible, as each year approximately 35 to 50 beginning meditators learn the basics of mindfulness practice at the University.

"Mindfulness is remembering to connect consciously with current experience, such as sensations in one's body," Belzer said. "Sustaining attention in that way deepens concentration, which can help one to stay more connected with what is happening in ordinary life."

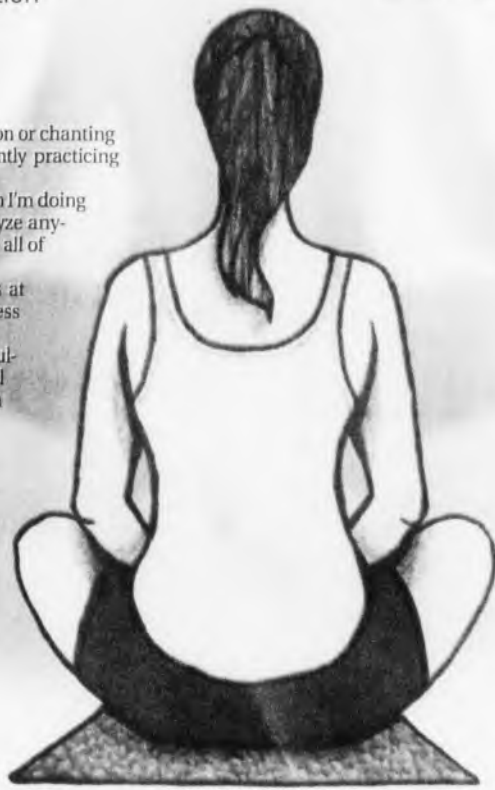


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VIPASSANA MEDITATION

Source: *Mindfulness in Plain English* by Henepola Gunaratana

- In the Pali language of the early Buddhist texts, Vipassana means insight or clear awareness.
- As one of two main categories of Buddhist meditation, it is also referred to as mindfulness meditation.
- The purpose is to give the meditator insight into the nature of reality and an accurate understanding of how everything works.

Though the benefits of mindfulness practice vary with each person's experience, there are overarching results like increased concentration, calmness and ease of mind.

"Mindfulness can help one bring more awareness into one's life, including knowing what one wants most in the picture, and I would say that this is an intrinsically

good thing," Belzer said.

Simply by looking at Belzer's class roster, it is clear that meditation does not discriminate, and mindfulness practice caters to a broad

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Church group flamingos community lawns

By Kate Snyder
Campus Editor

Flockers are sweeping through Bowling Green.

They drive to a pre-determined address and spread pink plastic flamingos across the grass, leaving the yard "flocked." After two or three days, the group returns to collect their handiwork and move on to another house.

The flockers' identities aren't secret. They are the youth group of the First Presbyterian Church in Bowling Green. The group is trying to raise money for a mission trip to New Orleans, and instead of going door-to-door, they came up with flocking.

"If you go and knock on someone's door and say 'Hey, give us money,' it's a lot more intrusive," group member Jon May said.

Anyone in Bowling Green can call the group and pay for their neighbor or friend's yard to be flocked. It costs \$20 for a flock of 25 birds and six spinners, \$40 for 50 birds and 12 spinners.

"I came home yesterday [Tuesday June 23] to flamingos in my yard," Fran Auchmuty said. "It was pretty funny."

She then sent the birds across the street to her neighbor.

Those who get flocked can pay for early removal of the birds, or



ALAINA BUZAS

FLOCKING: Linda Nanninga shares a laugh with members of the First Presbyterian Church youth group after they planted plastic pink flamingos in her yard last week.

they can wait the standard two or three days.

Or people can buy "insurance" as a safeguard against flocking if they don't want their lawn full of flamingos.

Not many people have bought insurance, Youth Director Beth Aldridge said. So there are plenty of homes left to flock.

"It's a lot less harmful than toilet-papering," group member Chloe Umbarger said. "It's a lot easier to clean up."

The group is careful about not getting caught, but it's happened before.

Linda Nanninga was pulling

the curtains closed when she looked outside and saw the group staking her yard with flamingos.

"I was very surprised," Nanninga said. "I imagine we'll be flocking someone else."

In July, the youth group will head to New Orleans and use their flocking money to help clean up areas still in ruins after Hurricane Katrina.

Until then, the flocking will continue.

ONLINE: Watch a recent flock in an online video at www.bgvnews.com



ALAINA BUZAS

GARDENING: University organization FREEDOM has planted two gardens on Wooster Street. These community gardens provide community members and students with fresh produce.

Group provides community with fresh vegetable gardens

By Hannah Nusser
Reporter

Mix the sweet taste of home-grown vegetables with willing community members and a garden will grow.

That is the philosophy of the group FREEDOM's next project. FREEDOM has established the community gardens, now for a second summer, where community members can benefit from homegrown produce by visiting the two community gardens one located at Peace Lutheran Church on W. Wooster and the other at First United Methodist Church on E. Wooster Street.

FREEDOM, a group of University students whose mission is to raise awareness to social issues and strengthen their community, is hosted by the United Christian Fellowship (UCF), the University's campus ministry.

The idea for the gardens came as a result of the annual UCF and FREEDOM trip to the South Bronx

in New York City, where group members learned that community gardens are an increasingly popular and valuable tool for low income areas. The essence of a community garden is for anyone in the community to freely pick the harvest as they please.

"We wanted it to be a real community garden, so people could come and take food anytime," said Craig McAdams, Wood County area ministry coordinator.

While community members and students are not required to do any garden maintenance to benefit from its crops, it is much appreciated and encouraged.

"The idea is, although it's not required, if you work in the garden you feel more comfortable about coming and taking the harvest," said Bill Thompson, campus minister at the UCF.

The ultimate goal of the community gardens project is to

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SAYING GOODBYE

HOCKEY: Head Coach Scott Paluch announces his resignation at a press conference yesterday morning. Paluch, as head coach of the Falcon hockey team, led the Falcons to a 84-156-23 overall record in his seven seasons at the helm.

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range of tastes. Both undergraduates and graduate students from an array of majors register to learn about meditation each year.

Maintaining a daily meditation sitting is important to Jon Miller, an instructor in the philosophy department, who has kept a daily sitting since the beginning of summer.

Miller has found that practicing mindfulness daily helps him avoid living mindlessly, which happens so easily in the routines of everyday life.

"A lot of times we wake up in the morning and start thinking automatically about what we're going to do that day, and just start reacting automatically," he said. "If you bring a little mindfulness to that moment you can really open up the way you experience things on a daily basis."

Miller has also been a part of group meditation sittings on Thursday evenings at 6 p.m. at the United Christian Fellowship building on Thurston Avenue.

"It's an informal thing," he said, "and it's basically an opportunity to take that time and get into a pattern for sitting. Sometimes sitting with others can help motivate you, and can also make you more self-aware in your own practice."

University senior Suzanna Tyrrell has also set aside a time for meditation, but within a different context.

Tyrrell is a certified Hatha Yoga instructor at the Bowling Green Community Center, and incorporates mindfulness meditation into her classes. To Tyrrell, meditation is an essential part of yoga.

"Meditation, breath and mindfulness are interconnected with yoga. It's not just the poses and asanas," she said.

During her yoga class, Tyrrell guides people to let go of their distractions and thoughts and look inward.

She encourages beginners to simply give meditation a try.

"You have to start by trying it out, even if you don't have a background. It's like testing the waters," Tyrrell said.

Although meditation may seem like a solitary practice, for University junior Rob Mominee, mindfulness positively affects his relationships with others.

"One area I noticed significant changes was with conflict resolution, especially within relationships," he said. "Because of mindfulness you're more aware of why you feel things the way you do towards another person. So if there is a conflict, you see that they have their own unique perspective as well."

Each meditator has his or her own reasons for practicing, and each person gets something unique out of the experience. But this coming year will bring a common challenge to students interested in meditation at the University: Belzer, the catalyst for bringing mindfulness to campus, will be teaching at the Mindful

HATHA YOGA

Source: <http://abc-of-yoga.com>

- The word "hatha" comes from the Sanskrit terms "ha" meaning "sun" and "tha" meaning "moon."
- Hatha Yoga tries to achieve balance between body and mind through physical poses or "asanas," breathing techniques and meditation.

Awareness Research Center at UCLA in Los Angeles.

Since a meditation course will not be offered, students are faced with maintaining the momentum and growth of interest in mindfulness.

Mominee thinks a mindfulness-oriented student organization would be a great way to fill Belzer's absence.

"I would really like to see a group of people or even a time when people could come together and practice mindfulness," he said.

Miller agrees, and believes a student group could be very successful.

"Most meditation groups don't operate with formal instruction — it's actually unusual to take a class like this in a University setting," he said.

Though plans are still in the making, students can expect to see a mindfulness-related organization in the near future.

"Marv definitely wanted meditation to flourish here; that was his goal," Bauer said. "I think it's up to us now to keep it going."

BUDGET

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graduate scholarships," according to University documents.

The approved budget follows the guidelines of the State Share of Instruction projections from the governor's office. The SSI is the University's primary state support and the University is expected to receive an increase of approximately \$1.4 million from the SSI starting in 2010.

However, the state legislature is still debating the SSI budget and the projected amount could

lower, causing the University to revamp its budget.

"We cannot accept the budget," President Carol Cartwright said at the Board of Trustees meeting. "We are still at risk."

The University might have to revisit the budget again in October to ensure no changes need to be made.

"We will be watching everything closely," Cartwright said.

The Board of Trustees also approved:

Ned Baker as an Honorary Doctor of Science in Public Health.

A student parking permit price

increase of \$20 per year and an increased graduation fee, raised from \$20 to \$100.

An opt-out green fee for students. This \$5 fee will be distributed by a student green fee group that will decide which energy projects will receive money.

A change to administrative contracts regarding advanced notification of non-renewal contracts. New employees will receive 30 days notification regardless of their tenure at the University.

A new department within the College of Technology to be known as the Department of Construction Management.

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promote volunteer work and humanitarianism in the community, with hopes of bringing together University students, church members and community members alike by "bridging the gap between the community and the campus," McAdams said.

The project costs next to nothing due to donations from community organizations and individuals. Toledo GROWS, a community gardening outreach program, donated all the seeds to be planted, and provided tips and assistance in keeping a garden growing throughout the season. The Bowling Green Community Development Foundation funded part of the cost of AmeriCorps workers as well as topsoil for the gardens. Gardening tools were donated by community mem-

"I like that the vegetables taste very good."

Bradley Showman | UCF Worker

bers while Bostdorff Greenhouse Acres Ltd. donated mulch for the project.

New to the program this year is the involvement of AmeriCorps, an organization that gives people an opportunity to earn money while serving their community. AmeriCorps workers earn a small stipend of pay to work a set number of hours in the garden each week.

A variety of vegetables grace the garden's grounds, including green beans, peas, carrots, and an assortment of tomatoes and beans. Pumpkins, watermelons, and sunflowers also liven up the plot. In addition, each garden

holds an herb circle complete with thyme, basil, cilantro, and dill.

FREEDOM members take the ripe crops door-to-door in order to share the wealth of the gardens while also promoting awareness of the cause. Any crops leftover thereafter are most likely going to be donated to local area food banks, said Landon Evans, community garden supervisor.

FREEDOM members also believe the gardens will be of help in a trying economy, as the food is free to anyone who needs it. The community gardens prove to benefit members of the community in more ways than one.

"I like that the vegetables taste very good [as compared to store bought]," said Bradley Showman, administrator and developer of the UCF.

Meetings are held at the gardens on Sundays at noon for anyone wanting to lend a helping hand.

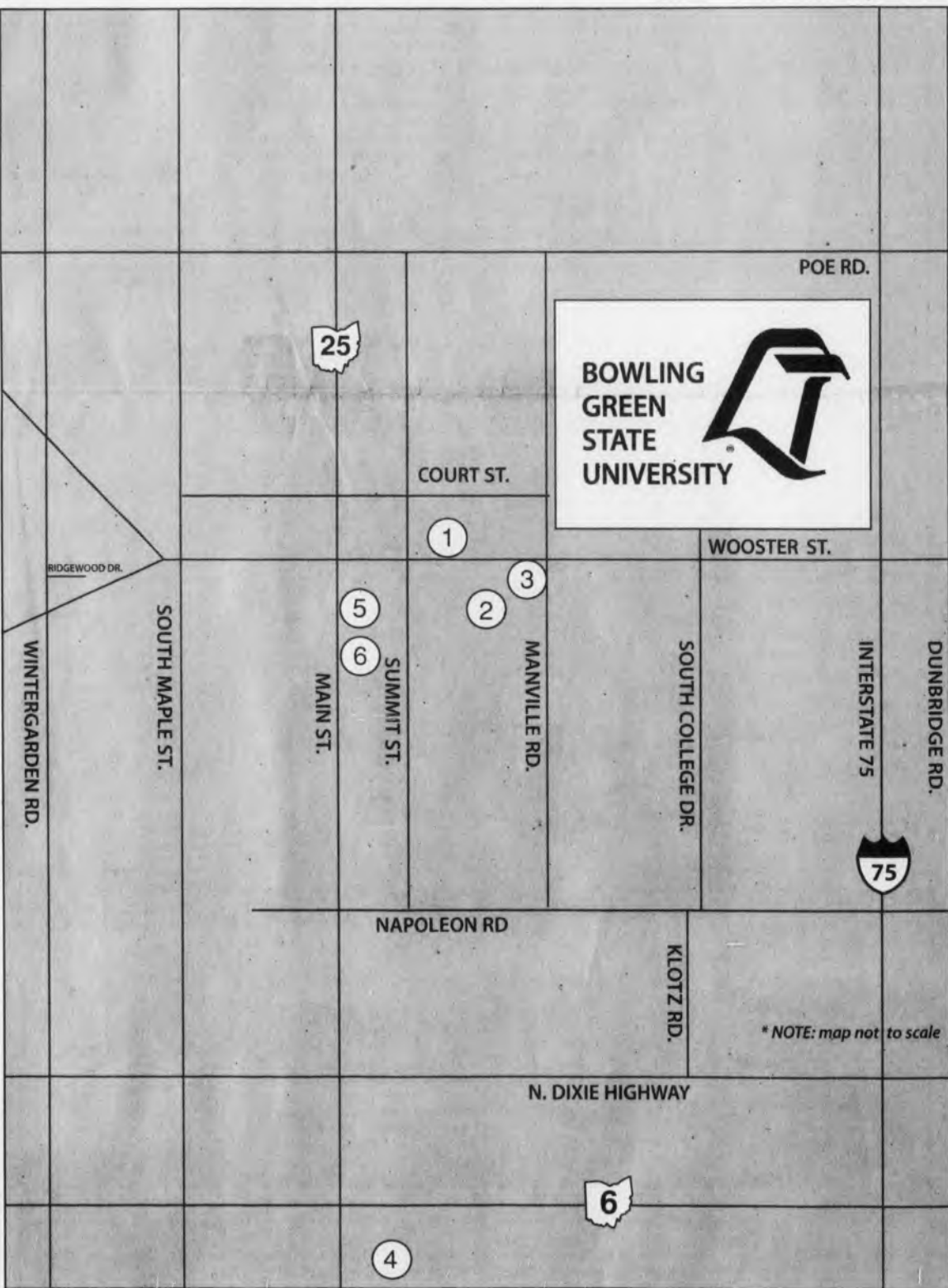


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University student takes action against hunger

By Allison Borgelt
Reporter

Senior Adam Haynes has a plan that could change the way students nationwide think about and use their meal plans, and he's calling on the University community for help.

Haynes, an education major, was part of a \$5,000-winning group at the "Be the Change" national student forum at Babson College in Massachusetts.

His group pitched a winning proposal for a program in which both universities and their students could donate to local food pantries and shelters. Universities could donate excess food and students could donate "swipes" from their meal plans.

The forum, which was held in April, focused on personal and social responsibility and was sponsored by Babson and the American Association of Colleges and Universities.

The group's proposal, titled "End Hunger. Fast!" was one of two winning proposals out of six at the forum. Haynes said about 30 students were placed in six randomly-selected groups to come up with ideas to pitch to a panel of judges. His group consisted of two students from Babson, two from Michigan State University and one from Elizabethtown College.

"It was through a collaborative effort where we just did some brainstorming," Haynes said, explaining how he and his group members came up with the idea. He said they talked about how food is wasted on campuses and how instead of buying junk food at the end of the year, students could put their money to better use.

"Ok, you have a college education, so now you have to take more responsibility on and try to help others," he said. "Of all the things I want people to



PROVIDED BY ADAM HAYNES
CHANGE: Back left to right: Kyle Ashe, Adam Haynes, Rebecca Farnum. Front left going right: Brent Sobel, Diana Elsa Sorgho

know is they should appreciate what they have and give back."

Haynes said one of his goals is to make the program a student, faculty and community initiative which provides both learning and service opportunities.

"We can talk about world hunger and so forth, but then also we can take action and have an actual service opportunity," he said.

Haynes wants to get campus organizations involved in implementing the plan at the University.

"The heart of campus is the student leaders and organizations," he said. "I'm looking at something where all organizations can come together and help and work."

The program would be a great opportunity for organizations such as fraternities and sororities to gain service hours, Haynes said. He said a workable system might involve leaders from campus groups coming together, sharing ideas and

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Canadian Studies Center shuts down

By Andy Ouriel
Senior Reporter

While today is Canada Day, there will be little reason to celebrate the country's independence at the University.

Necessary state budget reductions have forced the University to close the Center for Canadian Studies effective Tuesday.

The center, which was funded by the Ohio budget, had a reduction to zero in terms of funding, making it impossible for the facility to operate. Interim Provost Mark Gromko announced in an e-mail.

The Canadian Studies minor, scholarships offered to students and history classes revolving around Canada will still be

offered according to College of Arts and Sciences Dean Simon Morgan-Russell.

"I don't think anybody really wants to cut anything, but we are in a position to make ends meet," Morgan-Russell said.

The center not only served the University in terms of class information and resources for research on Canada, but also created an external relationship with the community, Morgan-Russell said.

The center hosted a variety of programs including conferences, conventions and meals centered around a continuing relationship between America and Canada; which involved University faculty, students and the community.

"For me, it was difficult to have

"I don't think anybody really wants to cut anything, but we are in a position to make ends meet."

Simon Morgan-Russell | Dean

the center close because it was the nerve center of Canadian Studies for outreach and the academic program," Assistant Professor in History Rebecca Mancuso said.

Morgan-Russell said there is still a possibility for the center to open again, but would take significant donations from private donors which seems

unlikely at this time.

To maintain the program's longevity, Mancuso has now become the coordinator of the Canadian Studies minor. She will coordinate with history professors teaching subjects on Canada as well as advise students.

Mancuso said even with the center gone, students and community members can still gain access to information on Canada, but not as much as they once could.

"It's detrimental for students to not have that office to go to anymore, but all the classes will still be offered," she said.

For more information on Canadian Studies and classes offered, contact Mancuso at 372-7424.

Student callers surpass \$100,000 for Center

By Allison Borgelt
Reporter

Junior Damian Santiago sits in front of a computer, wearing a headset. Every so often, he turns intently to his screen, speaking in friendly tones to alumni, parents of current students and other friends of the University. His mission is this: to communicate with former Falcons (and their friends) and gain their financial support for University scholarships and other academic initiatives.

Santiago has more than accomplished his mission.

A student caller for the BGSU Telefund, Santiago's efforts have led to over \$160,000 in donations to the University. He is one of three top Telefund fund-raisers, all of whom have passed the \$100,000 mark.

Joining Santiago as top support raisers are junior Matt Tyrrell, a telecommunications major, and senior Justin Barnhart, a social studies education major. As of June 21,



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CALLERS: Junior Matt Tyrrell makes a call to a University Alumni yesterday evening at his job in the Calling Center. Tyrrell, a Telecommunications major, has worked at the center for a little over year. "At first I was pretty nervous. Now it's comfortable," Tyrrell said. "It's kind of second nature."

Santiago had raised \$163,778, and Tyrrell and Barnhart had raised \$126,363 and \$124,040 respectively, according to Kyle Kremer, a supervisor.

Although Santiago (an interpersonal communication major) has the highest running

total, Tyrrell has raised the most money for the Telefund this fiscal year - \$116,318 as of June 17.

The men are competitive, and their progress is clearly marked on a colorful Monopoly-like board on the Calling Center's wall in Harshman Quadrangle.

"It's a good thing to have friendly competition," said Santiago, who started working for the Telefund in February 2007. "It definitely keeps us

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PEOPLE ON THE STREET

If you had a chance to meditate or do yoga, which would you do?



"Yoga, because I would be getting exercise in."

AMANDA STUMP,
Kohl Hall Director



"Yoga. I would fall asleep during meditation. I already fall asleep in my classes."

STEPHEN COREY,
Junior,
Accounting



"Yoga, because it's meditation and a workout. Two birds with one stone."

MONICA FLORES,
Senior,
HDFS



"Yoga. All the hot chicks are in it."

JOEY BUTCHER,
Junior, Exercise Science

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Past and current political morals questioned



PHIL SCHURRER
FACULTY COLUMNIST

Well, another potential GOP presidential candidate has bitten the dust. South Carolina Gov. Mark Sanford, who was thought of in some circles as a rising star in the Republican Party, has fallen from grace over his affair with an Argentine woman and in effect being AWOL from his post as governor of the Palmetto State.

Are we too hard on our politicians? Is it fair that Bill Clinton kept his job as president after the Monica Lewinski affair, but Mark Sanford never got the chance to even apply for it? What about the other "fallen" of both parties? Are we as a nation being shortchanged by repudiating potential political talent merely because the potential candidate may have — how shall I put it? — "excess baggage"?

After all, the beloved Ronald

Reagan was our only divorced president. Andrew Jackson supposedly wed his bride before she had formally divorced her first husband. (He fought 13 duels defending her honor.) FDR had been unfaithful to his wife and the relationship continued for decades, facilitated by one of his daughters. Ohio's Warren Harding was said to have fathered a child out of wedlock. John Kennedy was known to have a wandering eye. Even Thomas Jefferson was known to chase the ladies, single or otherwise. Many occupants of the Oval Office have had less-than-perfect lives.

There's no secret that our society's tolerance for misdeeds and "mistakes" has expanded, especially in sexual matters. But there are limits, as Mark Sanford has discovered. Carrying on an affair may be one thing, but doing it on the taxpayer's time and dime is quite another.

Sanford's predicament, although self-inflicted, gives us an opportunity to reflect as a society on our values and those

"There's no secret that our society's tolerance for misdeeds and 'mistakes' has expanded, especially in sexual matters."

we wish to impose on our leaders. Just what do we demand on a personal level from our leaders? What is this thing we call "good character" that we hold them to?

For openers, I think that integrity would be a good quality for anyone to have, let alone a political candidate. To my mind, integrity implies more than mere honesty. It's embodied in the phrase "walking the walk as well as talking the talk." It encompasses "transparency," to employ a much-used word.

To be sure, we're not obliged to broadcast every confidence

to the world; in fact, silence and circumspection have a place in the makeup of a person of integrity.

Integrity does not render us free from mistakes or errors. However, it should give us the moral backbone to always try to do the right thing and admit when we've not done so.

Integrity does not require us to be constantly attuned to the latest public opinion polls. On the contrary, there are times when a person of integrity has to swim against the current.

Gerald Ford pardoned Richard Nixon and took a lot of heat for it. In the end, however, as Sen. Edward Kennedy said at Ford's funeral, it was a very courageous act. The Bay of Pigs invasion was a fiasco, and Kennedy took responsibility. Sen. Edmund G. Ross voted for the acquittal of President Andrew Johnson. Johnson was later elected to the Senate, but Ross never served in public office again.

Back to Gov. Sanford: of equal concern should be the decreasing number of viable

GOP presidential candidates for the 2012 election. We need a loyal opposition, if for no other reason than to keep the majority party on its toes and not let it rest on its laurels or become complacent.

So, the peccadilloes of the political class do more than injure relationships within a family. Their effect potentially extends far beyond home and hearth. By depriving the nation of their talents and skills, the misdeeds of our leaders may ultimately make it more difficult for differing views to be presented.

So, yes — private actions do matter, particularly when the result is that the nation does not have all the talent available for use. Our problems are complicated and will only grow in their complexity. We need two viable political parties, each putting forth their own ideas for our consideration. A weakening of the moral fiber of our politicians in the personal arena ultimately weakens our political system. We can't afford either.

Travelin' the Globe: Austrian memories



ALISON KEMP
COLUMNIST

SALZBURG, Austria — I don't have much time as I write this. The school year in Salzburg is over and I have to move out of my room.

I am truly sad over this. I've loved my time here and really don't want to leave.

Through all of Salzburg's quirks and ridiculousness, I have really fallen in love with this town.

I've become used to all the stores being closed on Sundays and holidays and always closing by 7 or 8 p.m.

I've become used to riding the bus or my bike everywhere I go.

I've become used to pedestrians having the right of way and cars observing crosswalks.

This is also the land of beer automatons and bars in student dormitories, train travel and unimaginable amounts of desert and coffee.

It will be hard to return to America.

There won't be any schnitzel, incredible scenery with the Untersberg mountain on my walk to school or dirndl- or lederhosen-wearing locals.

I won't be able to look up from my desk in class and see the Festung and I won't be able to talk to people in German, going around greeting God (that's the direct translation of the traditional greeting used when interacting with Salzburgers) or using any of the other wonderful Salzburg dialect.

But a return to America will provide me with numerous things I have missed this year, most of them food-related.

I want a good hamburger every time I order one, without strange sauce and with ketchup.

I want free water with my meals.

I want ice cream that isn't gelato.

I want a hot dog with coney sauce, thick pizza and tacos from Taco Bell.

I also want unlimited Internet, and to not worry about receiving stares when wearing shorts or heading into the kitchen in my pajamas and with wet hair.

I will have these things soon enough, as I return to Ohio tomorrow, but I will have them only in exchange for these other things I love in Salzburg that I will be leaving.

It will be hard readjusting to the American life. I will have jet lag. I will be cranky. I will be missing Austria.

But I know that I will be back. I have too much love for this town to be gone too long.

Canada's significance often overlooked



TYLER SWORDEN
SPORTS EDITOR

Today is a holiday that many American's are unaware of: Canada Day. Before you scoff and skip reading this column, please take notice that the country to the north is a lot more important to the United States than you might think.

I'm sure many college kids have made the 90 minute trek to Windsor, Ont. in order to party when they turn 19.

Little do many know that the Ambassador Bridge, which connects Detroit and Windsor, is one of the busiest international border crossings in the world.

Given the current economic situation we are encountering I feel that providing a brief context into Canada's significance makes for relevant reading.

On July 1, 1867 the British North American Act was created and with it the Canadian federal government.

However, the British kept some control over the government until the Constitution Act in 1982, which more specifically outlined the country's sovereignty.

Before you go and say, 'we really are not that different than

Canadians in a sense that we both gained independence from British rule,' realize that from my personal experiences Canadians really do not prefer to be related to Americans.

Canada is a country that has historically struggled for a sense of identity.

The country is so much richer in culture than the standard association to hockey.

One thing I appreciate about Canada is the environment and vast wilderness that Canadians value and the attitude that goes with it.

Canadians respect Mother Nature more than Americans. In Canada it has been about survival, not just from foreign rule, but evolving through the harsh climate.

I recommend literary works by Margaret Atwood and Michael Ondaatje.

So by this point you might realize my clear bias for Canada, however, I am no Benedict Arnold.

Yet, with the circumstances here in the states as far as money, security and basic employment, even with a new president, things are not looking too promising.

I have always aspired to some day live up north. I enjoy cold weather and the people are nicer

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Twitter delivers succinct news world-wide, 140 characters at a time

By **Gokul Agrawal**
JWIRE

Despite initial skepticism and almost excessive simplicity, Twitter has blown up.

This popular tool, designed for social networking through instant status updates, has been effectively utilized by users such as Snoop Dogg, the New York Times and even the United States Air Force.

Created in 2006, Twitter exploded in popularity during the bombings in Mumbai, and continued to increase in usage during other significant events such as the presidential election and the emergence of the swine flu.

Twitter is shaping up to be more of an effective distributor of information than a simple internet fad for several reasons; the first of which being it's ease of use. Users can post tidbits of information — no longer than 140 characters in length — via phone or the Internet. So-called "followers" may then read these updates, as well as comment on the updates or even "retweet," which essentially involves reposting the original tweet to the follower's own page.

The lack of annoying applications, unorganized information and the need to create a tediously designed profile has pushed Twitter to the forefront of the information-hungry Internet user's preference.

The second reason behind Twitter's prominence is the seemingly genuine and inti-

"Twitter is shaping up to be more of an effective distributor of information than a simple Internet fad ..."

mate connection it creates between users. Pete Carroll's twitter, for instance, has more than 27,000 followers, most of whom are interested to see what the coach has to say about topics ranging from music to the NFL draft. The tech-savvy coach makes sure to tweet every few hours, posting sweet nothing such as "Song of the day is a mothers day tribute for all the love our moms 'always' bring to us... always by stevie wonder," and "in case you were worried, the car's all fixed now... just a nail in the tire... now which one of you did that???" This level of tweeting creates a relationship between celebrities and their fans completely lacking in fan pages and scattered message boards. Concise and often-humorous celebrity tweets are a refreshing change from the prepared answers usually given to interviewers.

Additionally, organizations and influential people have discovered that they can use Twitter to relay their messages to the public. When the U.S. Government Accountability Office reported that the Air Force's Global Positioning

System satellite system was doomed to fail due to a shortage of satellites, Air Force officials utilized Twitter to assuage fears. With calming tweets such as "Agree w/ GAO thr's a potential risk, but GPS isn't falling out of the sky—we have plans 2 mitigate risk & prevent a gap," Air Force officials found a way to communicate directly with the people.

Although the prevalence of this tool may reduce the need for journalists, it is perhaps a worthy trade-off. Journalists need not worry; even major news corporations are harnessing the power of Twitter to better communicate with their readerships.

There is a downside, however, to such a direct tunnel of communication: there is no regulation of what is conveyed. For example, the public would be better off reading about a controversial event through the investigative reports of journalists rather than through one-sided civilian rants. In many instances, a third-party news outlet is beneficial. As long as this disadvantage is realized, Twitter will remain a useful information tool that allows for a direct relationship between the public and those in the public eye.

Despite the limitless barrage of useless information that comes along with important news, Twitter has pulled away from its gimmicky roots and evolved into a convenient medium for relaying knowledge.

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WHAT TO DO

IN TOWN

Caring for your Vegetable Garden

Today The Ohio State University Cooperative Extension Service will be holding a class from 6-9 p.m. to teach local gardeners to care for their vegetables. There are 50 seats available. Advice will be given on canning, freezing and preserving your harvest.

Howard's Club H

Saturday at Howard's Club H, watch the band Big Fat Japan w/ Wrecking Ball as well as Kansas City Shuffle. Call 419-352-3195 for more information.

TOLEDO

Red, White, KABOOM

This Friday and Saturday Downtown Toledo will host a July 4th celebration that will feature food from local restaurants, live music and fireworks. For more information go to <http://www.toledoblade.com/static/redwhitekaboom/rwk-home.html>.



Frankies Inner-City

Thursday watch the band Inept w/ Artifex Pereio. Doors open at 9 p.m. and tickets are \$6 for people 21 and over and \$7 for people 18-20. For more information call 419-693-5300.

ELSEWHERE

Cleveland

Friday watch Zappa plays Zappa at the Cleveland House of Blues. Tickets are \$29.50-\$79.50. For more information call 216-523-2583.

THEY SAID IT

"Patriotism is the last refuge of scoundrels."
—Mark Twain

America Loses an Icon



Obsessive media coverage is unethical

By Scott Recker
Senior Editor

With Michael Jackson's untimely death last week, I find myself wondering if our society's intense media coverage and obsession over celebrities is unwarranted and downright cruel.

I'm not disagreeing with the coverage of his death. He was an American icon and deserves to be celebrated and remembered. But like many stars that came before and after him, Michael was consistently bombarded and pressured by the media. Tabloid "journalists" blatantly stalk celebrities on a continuous basis, not allowing them a moment of solitude while they are trying to live their daily lives.

I'm sure most artists appreciate positive media attention to promote their future work, but not being able to eat in public or spend a day in the park with their kids without being followed by the click of a camera would be utter hell. Each individual deserves a certain amount of privacy, and to deny that aspect of life to a person because their picture would sell for a copious amount of money is both immature and selfish.

I'm not blaming Michael's death on grueling media coverage. I'm simply using a widespread topic to bring attention to the unhealthy relationship we sometimes have with celebrities. During several interviews, Michael stated that his childhood was far from normal and it

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TeamNate always looking to improve

Luda Polyakova
Reporter

Alan Plotts felt great, as if he was being lifted up by the crowd's energy.

And he physically was.

"My best show was when I accidentally crowd-surfed," he said. "I was singing into the crowd... and then I was being carried away, but I was still singing and holding onto the mic when my cord ran out, and I was like 'Oh! Send me back that way!'"

For TeamNate bandmates Brandon Scott and Alan Plotts, this is just one of the many stories they can share a good laugh over.

Whether recording an album, waiting to play a live show or simply hanging out, Plotts and Scott are in it for the experience, not the money. It's this element of fun that is apparent about TeamNate right from the get-go.

"Right now, we don't have these limitations where we have to make money to survive as a band," Plotts said.

TeamNate's music is hard to fit into a single genre.

"We started out trying to do the electronic and techno dance thing," Plotts said.

"But you wouldn't really put us on your techno-party playlist," Scott added.

The consensus is that TeamNate is a part of a sub-genre of electronic music, and falls close to what they call tecktonic music. But the fact that their sound is hard to describe is not an issue to the band.

"It's a good thing that it's hard to define our style," Plotts said.

"We wanted to create something that was a little more diverse and complex. We have things constantly changing so it's not like you're not listening



ROCKBAND: Plotts (left) and Scott (right) "I heard Alan sing for the first time during Rock Band," Scott said. "And I'd say the word is seduced. I was seduced by Alan's voice."

PHOTO BY ERIN SEEMANN

to the same 808 beat for 3 or 4 minutes," Scott said.

Although TeamNate is barely a year old, this summer has been a pivotal time for growth and development, including recording a first EP.

University senior Domenic Grazioso and recording engineer of WhyZenDies! Productions, is helping TeamNate get to the next level. Grazioso has been around to witness the band's transformation.

"They've become a lot better," he said. "The new beats Brandon's made have become more intricate and every single section is a lot different. There are little elements that are constantly changing."

Recording together has been a great partnership.

"A lot of people don't see the work that goes behind creating an entity for yourself in the music scene, and I'm really grateful to have met Dom to help us out with that," Scott said.

As both full-time University students and musicians, for Plotts and Scott, the upcoming school year will bring a certain level of pressure along with it.

"Next year is make it or break

it for us," Plotts said.

Since both members of TeamNate will be graduating next year, finding a day job may have to take priority unless the band reaches a certain level of success.

"After December, I literally have six months," Plotts said.

Even with the pressures of graduation looming ahead, TeamNate is thinking positively.

"This upcoming year, we can use all of our experiences from the past year to make ourselves better. We're just looking to improve," Scott said.

Plotts is on the same page. "We've never had to prove ourselves, but we've always felt like we have to improve ourselves," he said.

It's clear that the next year will be an interesting one for TeamNate, but they are a band that will evolve through it all, and stay optimistic in the process.

"Being 21 and an aspiring musician," Scott said, "there are millions of people who want to do that. The question is how are we going to make ourselves special? And I think that's what we're going to do in the next year."



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Blockbuster disappointment

Vince Driver
Movie Critic

For a film based on a line of toys, "Transformers 2: Revenge of the Fallen" is surprisingly more enjoyable when the robots are off screen.

The movie begins with Sam Witwicky (Shia LaBeouf) going off to college, as his parents do awkward and embarrassing things like talk dirty and accidentally consume drugs. This is the most entertaining part of the movie, and with the absence of any robots in it, it begs the question of whether or not the parents are going to have action figures.

Eventually, Optimus Prime and the rest of the mechanical aliens show up and the dialogue devolves to yelling names, telling people to run and giant robots saying "Damn, I'm good." It's almost difficult to criticize the movie once it crosses this point, because you're mesmerized by explosions.

It's old hat to criticize Director Michael Bay for explosions, but in the face of exploding pyramids and other structures with no discernable reason for blowing up, it may be worth mentioning.

It seems the only thing that all the Transformers share is an idiotic caricature. Optimus is the worst example of this, though it may be reaching to ask that robot aliens not be one-

dimensional.

The twin robots that were advertising Chevy's latest 'hip' cars have been accused of being racist caricatures, but they instantly reminded me more of the kids who stalk outside of Hot Topic in tall tees, instead of black-robot-face.

Jetfire (voiced by Mark Ryan) is the lone exception to the poor characterization. Though he's still a caricature, this time of the elderly, he still manages to inject some humor into his scenes.

Likewise, the acting is only tolerable when the film is attempting humor, which is sparse but sometimes successful. LaBeouf is quick-witted, John Turturro (as Agent Simmons) is absurd (in a good way) and Kevin Dunn and Julie White as Sam's parents are goofy. Only Turturro retains his humor in the action sequences. LaBeouf becomes bogged down with interactions with Megan Fox (as Mikaela Banes), who is at her best when silent and splayed across a motorcycle, or emulating some other pinup pose. Don't construe that as sexist; her lines are that bad.

The action sequences, which should be the selling point of a film like this, are a mess of scrap metal. When the Transformers start rotating and tearing, it becomes impossible to track

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SIDELINES



Women's Basketball DePaul Transfer Joins MAC Champs

Previously recruited by coach Curt Miller, 6'2" forward Danielle Havel will join the Falcons. Forced to sit out due to NCAA transfer rules, Havel will have three years of eligibility starting in the 2010-11 season. Havel is cousins with former Falcon volleyball player Madeline Means.

ONLINE The BG News Sports Blog

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OUR CALL

Today in Sports History

1996—Formerly the Winnipeg Jets, the team officially becomes the Phoenix Coyotes.

1989—NFL owners vote to form the World League of American Football

1951—After defeating the Detroit Tigers 2-1, Cleveland Indians Hall of Famer Bob Feller becomes the first pitcher in the 20th century to throw three no-hitters.

The List

After suffering a broken foot in the NBA playoffs, Yao Ming's career is now in jeopardy. This week, we look at other star athletes who suffered major injuries over the past year forcing them to miss a significant amount of time.

1. Tom Brady:

After severely injuring his knee in the season opener, the Patriots missed the playoffs.

2. Tiger Woods:

Day's after winning the 2008 U.S. Open he had surgery to repair a torn ACL forcing him to miss the rest of the tour.

3. Kevin Garnett:

The Big Ticket sprained his right knee and was unable to help the Celtics defend the NBA title by missing all of the 2009 playoffs.

4. Rafael Nadal:

Perhaps at the peak of his game, the tennis star had to skip defending his Wimbledon title this summer due to recurring tendinitis in both knees.

5. Joe Sakic:

The future hockey hall-of-famer missed the first half of the NHL season with a herniated disc then stuck his hand in a snow blower ending a chance of returning to the Avalanche, who went on to finish last in the conference.



ENOCH WU | THE BG NEWS

SAYING GOODBYE: Scott Paluch, who coached the University hockey program the last seven years addressed he is stepping down in order to take a position working for USA Hockey at a press conference yesterday morning. Athletic Director Greg Christopher, left, announced assistant coach Dennis Williams will serve as interim head coach for the 2009-10 season. The Athletic Department has begun a search to fill two assistant coaching positions under Williams.

Paluch Resigns

University hockey coach takes position with USA Hockey

By Andy Ouriel and Tyler Sworden
The BG News



Dennis Williams
Interim BG Hockey Coach

Uncertainty has surrounded the University's hockey program over the past year, but one of the most drastic changes occurred yesterday which could have the biggest impact on the team.

After seven years as the head hockey coach, Scott Paluch has resigned from the team. He has taken a position with USA Hockey as a regional manager for its new American Development Model where he will be stationed in Bowling Green.

Assistant coach and former player Dennis Williams will assume head coaching duties on an interim basis for the 2009-10 season.

"Dennis stood out as a the right

choice," Athletic Director Greg Christopher said.

"He bleeds orange and brown and that is important to have somebody who has that B.G. background in the head coach's chair."

Having already built Neumann College's hockey program in Aston Pa. from a three-win team in 2005 to winning the 2007 NCAA Division III Championship, Williams will try to do what Paluch could not—have a winning season as head coach at the University.

"Dennis stood out as a the right choice. He bleeds orange and brown and that is important to have somebody who has that B.G. background in the head coach's chair."

Greg Christopher | Athletic Director

The Falcons finished in last place in the 2008-09 Central Collegiate Hockey Association Conference standings and has not had a overall winning season since 1996-97, one year before Williams' freshman year with the team (Williams played from 1997-01).

Not only does Williams bare the responsibility to improve upon a poor finish in the CCHA, but also has to concern himself with the future of the hockey pro-

gram and the Ice Arena.

Rumors circulated earlier this year about the hockey program being unable to financially support itself due to budget constraints. Along with \$10 million needed to make necessary updates to the Ice Arena, there are many factors potentially plaguing the future of the team, but Williams said he will only concern himself and the team with what they can do.

"We can control what we can

control and that is our on-ice performance, classroom [performance] and what we do out in the public. Everything else is out of our control," Williams said.

To restore the glory days of the University's hockey program, Williams, 29, stressed the importance of community involvement which includes functions with schools, churches and youth hockey. Williams said investing in hockey-related community activities will help citizens support a hockey team in flux.

"Our hope is to let people know here in town we have a great hockey program here," Williams said.

"We are looking to be more visible and we want to pull as many

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Powers uses offseason to polish game

By Tyler Sworden
Sports Editor



John Powers
Senior, BG men's golf team

After coming off a wrist injury and struggling during the spring golf season, senior golfer John Powers is back to 100 percent this summer playing in amateur tournaments.

The co-captain has been busy each week practicing his game and competing in amateur qualifier events throughout the region.

A player must establish a certain handicap as well as other resume qualifications based on past performances in order to play in a qualifier.

"A lot of college guys stay busy in the summer playing in these events," Powers said. "It helps stay competitive and helps prepare for the upcoming college season."

Powers explained how golf is different than other sports in that the team and the individuals themselves can practice more in the offseason.

"Playing in summer tournaments simulate the real season in golf rather than how other sports are only allowed a small amount of time before the season to practice cohesively," he said.

During the summer there are thousands of collegiate players

as well as other amateurs that battle in the qualifying events for around 80 spots in the actual tournaments.

Last Friday, Powers finished second after losing in a playoff of the regional U.S. Amateur Pub Links tournament.

While he was disappointed for not winning, Powers does say how in golf finishing anywhere near the top in these events is an accomplishment.

Just three days later Powers was back on the course where he tied for ninth in the Porter Cup qualifier which took place in Buffalo, N.Y.

Unfortunately only the top eight spots moved on, leaving Powers looking forward to the next opportunity.

"I have a lot of experience in these events so I do not let something like this set me back," he said.

The Bowling Green native will play in the Eastern Amateur from July 9-12, having already qualified.

Incoming freshman Falcon



PHOTO PROVIDED BY JOHN POWERS

FOUR: Senior men's golf co-captain John Powers has been training hard for the upcoming fall season by playing in several amateur tournaments throughout the region.

golfer Kyle Laberde will be caddying for Powers in the tournament, which will have many of the top 100 amateur players competing in it.

"John has a lot of skill and potential to eventually play professionally," Laberde said.

Powers points out how getting accustomed to the summer amateur tournament lifestyle is

something necessary in order to take his game to the next step.

After the Eastern Amateur awaits the Ohio Amateur (July 14-17), the biggest state amateur golf outing.

Powers has also qualified to play in the U.S. Amateur (Aug. 3-4), which is the amateur equivalent of the U.S. Open.

Even though the bar is set high for his individual performance, Powers does not lose sight of the University's program.

The Falcons finished eighth at the end of the year Mid-American Conference tournament in May.

"I took it personally because if I had hit my average we could have finished as high as second," Powers said.

He admits he might have rushed his recovery in attempting to get his game back in the spring.

"Last season had its set backs but I am hitting the ball as well as I was before the injury," he said. "This coming season the whole team will be much improved, we didn't lose anyone and we have gained two great freshmen."

Fellow senior Chad Walker is grateful to have Powers as a friend and a teammate.

"John is a real solid player and he leads by example," he said.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Football home starting times announced

The University's football team has announced all six of their starting kickoff times for the 2009 season which include three nationally televised games all by ESPN outlets.

Sept. 3: Troy, 7 p.m.
Sept. 26: Boise State, 7 p.m.
Oct. 3: Ohio, 4 p.m.
Oct. 24: Central Michigan, noon
Nov. 20: Akron, 5:30 p.m.
Nov. 27: Toledo, 12:30 p.m. or 3:30 p.m.

Hockey freshman drafted in the NHL

Jordan Samuels-Thomas, an incoming freshman on the University hockey team, was drafted by the Atlanta Thrashers in the National Hockey League Entry Draft last Saturday.

A native of the Hartford, Conn. area, Samuels-Thomas was picked in the seventh round and was the 203rd overall selection in the draft, held last Friday and Saturday in Montreal. He was the ninth player picked by Atlanta in the draft.

He played the last two seasons for Waterloo of the United States Hockey League. He led the Black Hawks with 32 goals last season while adding 22 assists for a total of 54 points in 59 games.

Gas prices force changes for students

By Steve Kunkler
Reporter

With a holiday weekend beginning Friday, the cost of gas will be on some people's minds, along with the traditional fireworks and cookouts.

Some students are seeing the increase in gas prices and must make decisions about whether driving somewhere is necessary. Others are determined not to let the high price of gas spoil their plans for the Fourth of July.

Denzel Smith, who will be a freshman majoring in architecture this fall, has decided to cut back on some activities while gas prices are high, including going to matinees at the movies and going out to eat.

"I don't have to buy a \$35 meal when I can eat at home," he said.

While Smith has decided to cut back on restaurants and movies because of the price of a gallon of gas, others are not going to let the price impact their holiday plans.

Jude Riedy, a senior majoring in accounting, has not let the price of gas impact his plans, because he is already in debt.

"My philosophy is I'm so far in the red, a couple more dollars probably won't hurt," he said.

The price of a gallon of gas is determined by several different factors, which contribute to the increases and drops in the price people pay at the pump.

Paul Hesse, an informa-

tion specialist for the Energy Information Administration, described the way gas prices are broken down by different processes.

For April 2009, crude oil makes up over half the price of a gallon of gas, he said. Twenty percent went to taxes, 12 percent for refining the oil into gasoline and 12 percent for the distribution and marketing of the product.

The market, which decides how much oil will cost, also controls the price of gas, he said.

Hesse added the price could also be influenced by greater demand worldwide for growing markets like those found in China and India.

"Demand is going up, so the price will probably go up as well," he said.

Hesse knows of only one way to ease the price of a gallon of gas.

"Don't buy any, it's supply and demand," he said.

Kevin Quinn, an associate professor of economics, agrees with growing markets being a contributing factor in the increase of a gallon of gas but also sees speculators in the marketplace as another factor of gas prices.

Speculators hold onto oil, because of the expectation that the price will go higher, which will help to make the oil prices rise immediately, he said.

"It's a world market so any disruption in the market will be felt everywhere," he said.



ALAINA BUZAS / THE BG NEWS

PRICE: Gas prices have been rising and falling throughout the summer. With the Fourth of July holiday approaching some students are changing their plans to minimize gas usage.

Quinn gave an example of how the world market controls the price of gasoline everywhere.

"If prices go way up in Iran, [people] will go somewhere

else to get oil, and that would drive the price up," he said. "If a good sells for two different prices people will buy where [oil] is cheap, and want to sell [oil] where it's more expensive."

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Workforce Investment Act funds assist young job seekers

By Matt Schoolcraft
Reporter

The struggle to find work has become a common problem, but resources are out there to aid job seekers.

The Workforce Investment Act was created for just that reason.

According to the Wood County Employment Resource Center's Web site, the "WIA is designed to streamline employment and training programs, help job seekers find work and help employers locate qualified workers."

In an effort to expand the WIA in Wood County, the stimulus package has given \$734,000 to the program to benefit those from ages 16 to 24.

The Wood County Education Service Center will use the money in its Youth Employment Program under WIA guidelines to hire students and send them out to workplaces.

Joy Torres is the Youth Employment Program Case Manager for the Wood County Educational Service Center.

"Downtown BG is getting a couple students, so we'll just send two or three students to them, they'll do the work, send back the time sheet and we'll pay the students," Torres said. "We're sending students out to get job experience and paying them."

The WIA requires that applicants meet certain guidelines in order for them to be eligible.

"They have to qualify through income, they have to be at a low income level," Torres said. "Particularly for college students, their parents can't pay more than 50 percent of their living expenses."

Along with income level, appli-

cants must have an additional barrier that has limited their ability to find work.

There is a list of barriers that range from trouble in school, to restraints caused by location, to recent firings.

Delaine Landry, Youth Employment Specialist at the WCESC, said the focus is to give students necessary life skills.

"Basically, it's just for those that are struggling a little bit," Landry said. "We help get them training and we're there as a mentor also."

Throughout their time in the program, students will be required to maintain contact with the Youth Employment Program to talk about their experience, with coordinators available to help guide them along the way.

Brittany Ford, a BGSU senior double majoring in Accounting and Finance, found out about the program after a visit to the career center.

"I am looking to gain an enjoyable employment experience," Ford said. "I am hoping that the

coordinators treat the students with respect and the students actually learn something from this work experience."

Students like Ford will not be the only ones benefiting from the WIA stimulus money, as this will have a positive impact on the economy as well.

"The plan was to get the money into the hands of kids who are willing to spend the money or who might not necessarily need to be saving it and putting it in bank accounts," Torres said. "So

I think the plan was to get the money out there and get it out in the public so the economy could turn around."

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SIDELINES



Women's Basketball DePaul Transfer Joins MAC Champs

Previously recruited by coach Curt Miller, 6'2" forward Danielle Havel will join the Falcons. Forced to sit out due to NCAA transfer rules, Havel will have three years of eligibility starting in the 2010-11 season. Havel is cousins with former Falcon volleyball player Madeline Means.

ONLINE

The BG News Sports Blog

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OUR CALL

Today in Sports History

1996—Formerly the Winnipeg Jets, the team officially becomes the Phoenix Coyotes.

1989—NFL owners vote to form the World League of American Football

1951—After defeating the Detroit Tigers 2-1, Cleveland Indians Hall of Famer Bob Feller becomes the first pitcher in the 20th century to throw three no-hitters.

The List

After suffering a broken foot in the NBA playoffs, Yao Ming's career is now in jeopardy. This week, we look at other star athletes who suffered major injuries over the past year forcing them to miss a significant amount of time.

1. Tom Brady:

After severely injuring his knee in the season opener, the Patriots missed the playoffs.

2. Tiger Woods:

Day's after winning the 2008 U.S. Open he had surgery to repair a torn ACL forcing him to miss the rest of the tour.

3. Kevin Garnett:

The Big Ticket sprained his right knee and was unable to help the Celtics defend the NBA title by missing all of the 2009 playoffs.

4. Rafael Nadal:

Perhaps at the peak of his game, the tennis star had to skip defending his Wimbledon title this summer due to recurring tendinitis in both knees.

5. Joe Sakic:

The future hockey hall-of-famer missed the first half of the NHL season with a herniated disc then stuck his hand in a snow blower ending a chance of returning to the Avalanche, who went on to finish last in the conference.



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SAYING GOODBYE: Scott Paluch, who coached the University hockey program the last seven years addressed he is stepping down in order to take a position working for USA Hockey at a press conference yesterday morning. Athletic Director Greg Christopher, left, announced assistant coach Dennis Williams will serve as interim head coach for the 2009-10 season. The Athletic Department has begun a search to fill two assistant coaching positions under Williams.

Paluch Resigns

University hockey coach takes position with USA Hockey

By Andy Ouriel and Tyler Sworden
The BG News



Dennis Williams
Interim BG Hockey Coach

Uncertainty has surrounded the University's hockey program over the past year, but one of the most drastic changes occurred yesterday which could have the biggest impact on the team.

After seven years as the head hockey coach, Scott Paluch has resigned from the team. He has taken a position with USA Hockey as a regional manager for its new American Development Model where he will be stationed in Bowling Green.

Assistant coach and former player Dennis Williams will assume head coaching duties on an interim basis for the 2009-10 season.

"Dennis stood out as the right

choice," Athletic Director Greg Christopher said.

"He bleeds orange and brown and that is important to have somebody who has that B.G. background in the head coach's chair."

Having already built Neumann College's hockey program in Aston Pa. from a three-win team in 2005 to winning the 2007 NCAA Division III Championship, Williams will try to do what Paluch could not—have a winning season as head coach at the University.

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Greg Christopher | Athletic Director

The Falcons finished in last place in the 2008-09 Central Collegiate Hockey Association Conference standings and has not had an overall winning season since 1996-97, one year before Williams' freshman year with the team (Williams played from 1997-01).

Not only does Williams bare the responsibility to improve upon a poor finish in the CCHA, but also has to concern himself with the future of the hockey pro-

gram and the Ice Arena.

Rumors circulated earlier this year about the hockey program being unable to financially support itself due to budget constraints. Along with \$10 million needed to make necessary updates to the Ice Arena, there are many factors potentially plaguing the future of the team, but Williams said he will only concern himself and the team with what they can do.

"We can control what we can

control and that is our on-ice performance, classroom [performance] and what we do out in the public. Everything else is out of our control," Williams said.

To restore the glory days of the University's hockey program, Williams, 29, stressed the importance of community involvement which includes functions with schools, churches and youth hockey. Williams said investing in hockey-related community activities will help citizens support a hockey team in flux.

"Our hope is to let people know here in town we have a great hockey program here," Williams said.

"We are looking to be more visible and we want to pull as many

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Powers uses offseason to polish game

By Tyler Sworden
Sports Editor



John Powers
Senior, BG men's golf team

After coming off a wrist injury and struggling during the spring golf season, senior golfer John Powers is back to 100 percent this summer playing in amateur tournaments.

The co-captain has been busy each week practicing his game and competing in amateur qualifier events throughout the region.

A player must establish a certain handicap as well as other resume qualifications based on past performances in order to play in a qualifier.

"A lot of college guys stay busy in the summer playing in these events," Powers said. "It helps stay competitive and helps prepare for the upcoming college season."

Powers explained how golf is different than other sports in that the team and the individuals themselves can practice more in the offseason.

"Playing in summer tournaments simulate the real season in golf rather than how other sports are only allowed a small amount of time before the season to practice cohesively," he said.

During the summer there are thousands of collegiate players

as well as other amateurs that battle in the qualifying events for around 80 spots in the actual tournaments.

Last Friday, Powers finished second after losing in a playoff of the regional U.S. Amateur Pub Links tournament.

While he was disappointed for not winning, Powers does say how in golf finishing anywhere near the top in these events is an accomplishment.

Just three days later Powers was back on the course where he tied for ninth in the Porter Cup qualifier which took place in Buffalo, N.Y.

Unfortunately only the top eight spots moved on, leaving Powers looking forward to the next opportunity.

"I have a lot of experience in these events so I do not let something like this set me back," he said.

The Bowling Green native will play in the Eastern Amateur from July 9-12, having already qualified.

Incoming freshman Falcon



PHOTO PROVIDED BY JOHN POWERS

FOUR: Senior men's golf co-captain John Powers has been training hard for the upcoming fall season by playing in several amateur tournaments throughout the region.

golfer Kyle Laberde will be caddy for Powers in the tournament, which will have many of the top 100 amateur players competing in it.

"John has a lot of skill and potential to eventually play professionally," Laberde said.

Powers points out how getting accustomed to the summer amateur tournament lifestyle is

something necessary in order to take his game to the next step.

After the Eastern Amateur awaits the Ohio Amateur (July 14-17), the biggest state amateur golf outing.

Powers has also qualified to play in the U.S. Amateur (Aug. 3-4), which is the amateur equivalent of the U.S. Open.

Even though the bar is set high for his individual performance, Powers does not lose sight of the University's program.

The Falcons finished eighth at the end of the year Mid-American Conference tournament in May.

"I took it personally because if I had hit my average we could have finished as high as second," Powers said.

He admits he might have rushed his recovery in attempting to get his game back in the spring.

"Last season had its set backs but I am hitting the ball as well as I was before the injury," he said. "This coming season the whole team will be much improved, we didn't lose anyone and we have gained two great freshmen."

Fellow senior Chad Walker is grateful to have Powers as a friend and a teammate.

"John is a real solid player and he leads by example," he said.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Football home starting times announced

The University's football team has announced all six of their starting kickoff times for the 2009 season which include three nationally televised games all by ESPN outlets.

- Sept. 3: Troy, 7 p.m.
- Sept. 26: Boise State, 7 p.m.
- Oct. 3: Ohio, 4 p.m.
- Oct. 24: Central Michigan, noon
- Nov. 20: Akron, 5:30 p.m.
- Nov. 27: Toledo, 12:30 p.m. or 3:30 p.m.

Hockey freshman drafted in the NHL

Jordan Samuels-Thomas, an incoming freshman on the University hockey team, was drafted by the Atlanta Thrashers in the National Hockey League Entry Draft last Saturday.

A native of the Hartford, Conn. area, Samuels-Thomas was picked in the seventh round and was the 203rd overall selection in the draft, held last Friday and Saturday in Montreal. He was the ninth player picked by Atlanta in the draft.

He played the last two seasons for Waterloo of the United States Hockey League. He led the Black Hawks with 32 goals last season while adding 22 assists for a total of 54 points in 59 games.

Gas prices force changes for students

By Steve Kunkler
Reporter

With a holiday weekend beginning Friday, the cost of gas will be on some people's minds, along with the traditional fireworks and cookouts.

Some students are seeing the increase in gas prices and must make decisions about whether driving somewhere is necessary. Others are determined not to let the high price of gas spoil their plans for the Fourth of July.

Denzel Smith, who will be a freshman majoring in architecture this fall, has decided to cut back on some activities while gas prices are high, including going to matinees at the movies and going out to eat.

"I don't have to buy a \$35 meal when I can eat at home," he said.

While Smith has decided to cut back on restaurants and movies because of the price of a gallon of gas, others are not going to let the price impact their holiday plans.

Jude Riedy, a senior majoring in accounting, has not let the price of gas impact his plans, because he is already in debt.

"My philosophy is I'm so far in the red, a couple more dollars probably won't hurt," he said.

The price of a gallon of gas is determined by several different factors, which contribute to the increases and drops in the price people pay at the pump.

Paul Hesse, an informa-

tion specialist for the Energy Information Administration, described the way gas prices are broken down by different processes.

For April 2009, crude oil makes up over half the price of a gallon of gas, he said. Twenty percent went to taxes, 12 percent for refining the oil into gasoline and 12 percent for the distribution and marketing of the product.

The market, which decides how much oil will cost, also controls the price of gas, he said.

Hesse added the price could also be influenced by greater demand worldwide for growing markets like those found in China and India.

"Demand is going up, so the price will probably go up as well," he said.

Hesse knows of only one way to ease the price of a gallon of gas.

"Don't buy any, it's supply and demand," he said.

Kevin Quinn, an associate professor of economics, agrees with growing markets being a contributing factor in the increase of a gallon of gas but also sees speculators in the marketplace as another factor of gas prices.

Speculators hold onto oil, because of the expectation that the price will go higher, which will help to make the oil prices rise immediately, he said.

"It's a world market so any disruption in the market will be felt everywhere," he said.



ALAINA BUTAS / BGSU

PRICE: Gas prices have been rising and falling throughout the summer. With the Fourth of July holiday approaching, some students are changing their plans, including going to camp.

Quinn gave an example of how the world market controls the price of gasoline everywhere.

"If prices go way up in Iran, [people] will go somewhere

else to get oil, and that would drive the price up," he said. "If a good sells for two different prices people will buy where [oil] is cheap, and want to sell [oil] where it's more expensive."

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Workforce Investment Act funds assist young job seekers

By Matt Schoolcraft
Reporter

The struggle to find work has become a common problem, but resources are out there to aid job seekers.

The Workforce Investment Act was created for just that reason.

According to the Wood County Employment Resource Center's Web site, the "WIA is designed to streamline employment and training programs, help job seekers find work and help employers locate qualified workers."

In an effort to expand the WIA in Wood County, the stimulus package has given \$734,000 to the program to benefit those from ages 16 to 24.

The Wood County Education Service Center will use the money in its Youth Employment Program under WIA guidelines to hire students and send them out to workplaces.

Joy Torres is the Youth Employment Program Case Manager for the Wood County Educational Service Center.

"Downtown BG is getting a couple students, so we'll just send two or three students to them, they'll do the work, send back the time sheet and we'll pay the students," Torres said. "We're sending students out to get job experience and paying them."

The WIA requires that applicants meet certain guidelines in order for them to be eligible.

"They have to qualify through income, they have to be at a low income level," Torres said. "Particularly for college students, their parents can't pay more than 50 percent of their living expenses."

Along with income level, appli-

cants must have an additional barrier that has limited their ability to find work.

There is a list of barriers that range from trouble in school, to restraints caused by location, to recent firings.

Delaine Landry, Youth Employment Specialist at the WCESC, said the focus is to give students necessary life skills.

"Basically, it's just for those that are struggling a little bit," Landry said. "We help get them training and we're there as a mentor also."

Throughout their time in the program, students will be required to maintain contact with the Youth Employment Program to talk about their experience, with coordinators available to help guide them along the way.

Brittany Ford, a BGSU senior double majoring in Accounting and Finance, found out about the program after a visit to the career center.

"I am looking to gain an enjoyable employment experience," Ford said. "I am hoping that the

coordinators treat the students with respect and the students actually learn something from this work experience."

Students like Ford will not be the only ones benefiting from the WIA stimulus money, as this will have a positive impact on the economy as well.

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SWORDEN

From Page 4

and less ignorant than Americans. More food for thought, just a few years ago there were more homicides in the city of Detroit than all of Canada.

I became even more sold on the country when I started college after finding out the University had a Canadian Studies minor.

After taking seemingly every course affiliated with Canada, I can say I have learned so much invaluable information that hopefully will help my chances of attending graduate school or working there.

With that said, it saddens me to hear that the University's Canadian Studies Center closed earlier this week due to lack of state funding.

But the party will rage on in the bigger picture.

Tonight in Toronto's Mel Lastman Square, the scene will be similar to Times Square on New Year's Eve.

But Canada Day is more like Independence Day in America with fireworks and the like. Citizens are also entitled to the day off work.

So while us American's finalize our plans for the '4th' this weekend think of Canada

when you fill up for gas before traveling.

Most people have got caught up in the Middle East when it comes to oil issues, however, the same if not more of our oil is imported from Canada.

Like it or not Canada's influence on the United States is stronger than most realize and will only continue to grow given the economic climate and social issues such as health care.

Former Canadian Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau once related the countries metaphorically saying living next to the United States was like sleeping next to an elephant.

Canadians might not like being compared and subject to American influence and at the same token Americans do not understand Canada's influence.

Together both countries should work harder in bettering overall relations and that could even start with college students.

Next time you cross the Detroit River for a night of debauchery, consider engaging in dialogue with the locals or take the time to site see. But I suggest skipping Windsor all together and driving a few more hours northeast to Toronto, Ottawa or Montreal.

Now if you will excuse me I have to go work on my curling game and Molson drinking; the latter needing more attention.

COACH

From Page 6

people as we can in this rink and make it a very tough building to play in."

Players are also getting behind Williams' philosophy.

"Toward the end of the fall, you really saw the community support, and this year, we have to show some love back," 2008-09 team captain Kyle Page said.

"We love being here and one of the main things is reaching out to the community and giving back to the fans coming out every night."

And the support does not stop with people associated with the University.

Even Paluch, a former University All-American defenseman, will still hope for the best regarding University athletics.

"Dennis is going to do a great job. He's got the passion. He is a proven coach," Paluch said.

While he did not achieve his ultimate goal of winning the University's first championship since the 1983-84 season, Paluch is still proud at the work his staff accomplished during his tenure.

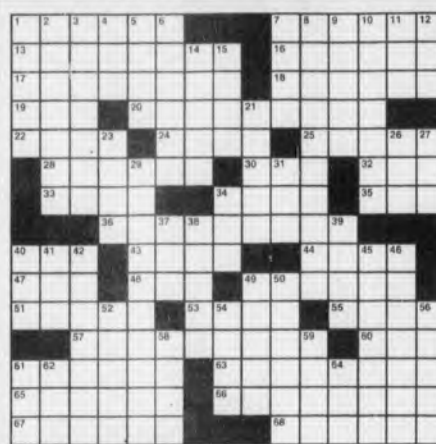
"We worked very hard over seven years and I'm proud of our players and staff and how hard they worked," Paluch said.

With many factors hanging in the balance regarding the hockey program, many are just looking forward to putting on their skates and start the new season, especially with a new head coach.

"It's going to be different," Page said. "We're optimistic about (the change), but I think everyone is really looking forward to the upcoming year."

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ANSWERS



MICHAEL

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was a normal childhood that he desired. I understand certain normal circumstances are thrown out when a person becomes a child star, but sometimes a kid just simply has to be a kid.

If we would relax our obsession with celebrities slightly, it would be possible for famous people to live a more private and comfortable life. But instead for decades we have enjoyed throwing young stars to the wolves. Bob Dylan and his family were hassled by the media in the 1960's, and we all remember the media beat down that provoked the mental breakdown of Britney Spears.

Essentially, I believe celebrities should be treated as human beings. Not as a means to an end, or a circus animal, but as human beings. We need to grow up as a culture and realize the drastic effects that treating a fellow human being like an objectified alien can cause.

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considering one-liners worse than anything Will Smith uttered in "Independence Day."

For example, Optimus says, "Give me your face," before tearing off a robot's face. The only conclusion I can reach is that the writers for this film are insane and believe that saying something before doing it makes it a pun.

This is a bad film. Not so bad it's good — just bad. It gets a few things right, but an action movie with poor action has no chance. It can try to fall back on the humor of a few clever actors and some amazing imagery in the form of robots and the filming locations, but ultimately this movie has as much life as the toys it's hawking.

- Grade: C-
- Director: Michael Bay
- Runtime: 150 min.
- Cast: Shia LaBeouf, Megan Fox, Josh Duhamel

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explaining how they would like to participate.

"The goal is for this to make change and to keep going, because I'm graduating this spring, so I won't be able to see the final outcome," Haynes said, adding that he plans to speak with University administrators about the plan in the near future.

Haynes was selected to attend the "Be the Change" forum by George Agich, director of the BGeXperience Program. Also selected was University student Starmisha Conyers-Page, who represented the University's Core Commitments group.

"BGeX was invited to select two BGSU students to attend the conference. This came about through our connections through the Core Commitment grant and Leadership Consortium that I served on," Agich said in an e-mail.

The University is part of the AAC&U's Core Commitments Leadership Consortium, "which is designed to bring

together the most promising institutional practices related to educating students for personal and social responsibility as well as to deepen and extend these efforts," according to the AAC&U's Web site.

Agich said he thought University students were invited to the "Be the Change" forum because students from colleges within the Leadership Consortium were wanted.

Haynes was a peer facilitator for the BGeXperience program for two years, and Agich said he was selected as a student representative partly because he had a "good track record of creativity and initiative."

"Adam was part of this team that won, and that tells you we've got students at BGSU [who] can go to a meeting and compete, and I'm very proud of that," Agich said. "He's a good example of the kind of student we want to prepare at BGSU."

Haynes is ready and willing to put the plan into action.

"BGSU loves to do community, faculty and student engagement," Haynes said. "The ball is started; it just needs to keep rolling."

big part of their jobs, Barnhart, Santiago and Tyrrell also enjoy talking with and learning from the University's friends and alumni.

"There's so much to learn," Barnhart said, describing a conversation he had with a man who sells private jets. "Our University has a lot to be proud of."

Tyrrell said one of his contacts gave him advice on classes to take, and Santiago said an alumnus offered him a job.

Kremer said the men are good fund-raisers because they put a lot of effort into their work.

"They're the type of employee that comes in every day and gives 110 percent," Kremer said. "[The job] is 80 percent rejection, so it can be difficult, and the fact that they come in every day and they do their very best is the reason for their success."

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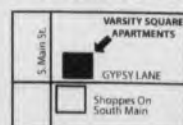
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